

Judge Malcolm Muir

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The Honorable Malcolm Muir, U.S. Senior District Judge, 96, of Williamsport, died peacefully in his sleep at 2:18 a.m., Friday, July 22, 2011, at The Gatehouse Hospice.

Judge Muir was born Oct. 20, 1914, in Englewood, N.J., the son of John M. and Sarah Stabler Muir.

Judge Muir received a B.A. degree from Lehigh University, magna cum laude, in 1935, and an L.L.B. from Harvard Law School in 1938. He was in private practice in Williamsport from 1938 to 1942 with John C. Youngman. From 1942 to 1945 he served on active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. From the fall of 1945 until 1949 he was in practice as an attorney in Williamsport by himself, and from 1949 to 1968 he was a partner in the law firm of Furst, McCormick, Muir & Lynn. From 1968 to 1970, he was in private practice with Joseph L. Rider. On Sept. 28, 1970, he was nominated to a new seat on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of PA. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Oct. 8, 1970, and he entered on duty as a Judge of the District Court on Nov. 6, 1970.

Judge Muir was the founder of The Lycoming Reporter in 1946 and editor of that publication until 1966. He was president-elect of the PA Bar Assoc. in 1970, founder of the PA Bar Institute, 1st Treasurer of the PA Bar Institute, a member of the American Bar Assoc. and a member of the American Judicature Society.

Judge Muir was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Surviving are sons, Malcolm Jr. (Carol T.) of Lexington, Va., J. Thomas (Susan Bruch) of Palmyra, Va. and David Clay of Williamsport; a daughter, Ann E. Muir of Free Union, Va.; five grandchildren, T. Thornton, Malcolm David, Thomas C., Sarah B. and Ian B; and five great-grandchildren, Dylan, Maximilian, Leopold, Matilda and Calum.

Judge Muir was predeceased by his wife, the former Alma Brohard and a daughter, Barbara.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 West Fourth St. with the Rev. Kenneth E. Wagner-Pizza officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Mental Health Assoc., Compeer Program of the CSV, 37 West Main St., Suite 202, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 or the S.P.C.A., 2805 Reach Road, or Project 2012 of the Susquehanna Health System, 777 Rural Ave., both of Williamsport, PA 17701.